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SITUATION REPORT ONE

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: AMED, LE

SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF LEBANON

REF STATE 259568

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT ACTION. ASSUME HOWEVER THAT ETA GIVEN PARA 5 REFTEL SHOULD 5:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 2 NEW YORK CORRESPONDS TO MIDNIGHT OF NIGHT NOVEMBER 2:3 CONFIRM.

2. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE, AT EARLIST TIME POSSIBLE, ESTIMATE OF BOTH WEIGHT AND VOLUME FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT SHIPMENTS IN ORDER PLAN TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT TO AUB.

3. ON TRANSPORT, AUB HAS SMALL TRUCK WHICH CAN BE USED FOR SOME SMALL SHIPMENTS. EMBASSY MAY ALSO ASSIST. FOR LARGER SHIPMENTS, HOWEVER PLAN TO ASK BEIRUT EXPRESS TO HELP WITH HAULING BEIRUT EXPRESS IS ALREADY HANDLING EMBASSY'S OUTWARD SHIPMENTS AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE TRUCKS RETURNING FROM AIRPORT TO MOVE DRUGS. DUE COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM THIS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED WITH
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BEIRUT EXPRESS UNTIL LATER TODAY.

4. AUB HAS ADEQUATE STORAGE SPACE. MANY ITEMS CAN BE MOVED DIRECTLY INTO AUH REGULAR STORAGE.

5. WITH ONLY FEW PHONE LINES OPERATING AND NONE AT EMBASSY, CONTACT WITH TMA TODAY MAY BE DIFFICULT. REQUEST AID/W REACH TMA NEW YORK AND HAVE THEM INSTRUCT TMA BEIRUT OR AT LEAST INSTRUCT CREW OF SUPPLY PLANE THAT NO REPEAT NO EFFORT WILL BE MADE HERE TO MOVE SUPPLIES EXCEPT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. SHIPMENTS ARRIVING AT NIGHT SHOULD BE HELD AT TMA TERMINAL FOR CLEARANCE AND TRANSPORT FOLLOWING MORNING. SINCE AUB PHONE WAS STILL OPERATING AS OF 1200 LOCAL TMA MAY CONFIRM ARRIVAL WITH KIRDWOOD OR RUETZEL.

6. USIS HAS BEEN ALERTED TO NEED FOR PICTURES AND WILL ATTEMPT TO COVER WHERE AND WHEN POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, SINCE DISASTER COVERS ENTIRE CITY AND IS BEING COVERED BY NEWS MEDIA, SUGGEST AID/W BEGIN COLLECTING APPROPRIATE PICTURES FOR USE LATER IN DOCUMENTING FINAL REPORT.

8. MDRO AWARE REPORTING NECESSITY. MASTER FILE HAS BEEN OPENED HERE.
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